

We claim:

1. A method to transfer information among or between parties for a commodity contract, which is comprised of the following: providing at least one application service provider (ASP)

control site, and at least one adapter at a remote site; inputting information (data) about a transaction involving at least one party to the transaction to the ASP control site;

if necessary, electronically communicating from the ASP control site and through the adapter to the at least one party;

if necessary, receiving instructions or data at the ASP control site through the adapter from the at least one party; and

processing the data and/or instructions at the ASP control site.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein information is transmitted from a commodity exchange.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein electronic communication through a global computer communications system is employed.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein business-to-business

information is exchanged.

5. The method of claim 4, which employs direct business-to-business workflow.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the direct business-to-business workflow employs adapter-to-adapter communication.

7. The method of claim 4, wherein electronic communication through a global computer communications system is employed.

8. A method to transfer information among or between parties for an agricultural commodity contract, which is comprised of the following:

providing at least one application service provider (ASP)

control site, and at least one adapter at a remote site;

inputting information (data) about a transaction involving

at least one party to the transaction to the ASP control site;

if necessary, electronically communicating from the ASP

control site and through the adapter to the at least one party;

if necessary, receiving instructions or data at the ASP

control site through the adapter from the at least one

party; and  
processing the data and/or instructions at the ASP control  
site.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein information is transmitted  
from an agricultural commodity exchange.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein electronic communication  
through a global computer communications system is employed.

11. The method of claim 8, wherein business-to-business  
information is exchanged.

12. The method of claim 9, wherein business-to-business  
information is exchanged.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein business-to-business  
information is exchanged employing direct business-to-business  
workflow.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the direct  
business-to-business workflow employs adapter-to-adapter  
communication.

15. The method of claim 8, wherein electronic communication

through a global computer communications system is employed.

16. The method of claim 12, wherein electronic communication through a global computer communications system is employed.

17. The method of claim 14, wherein electronic communication through a global computer communications system is employed.

18. A method to transfer information among or between parties for a commodity contract, which method comprises:  
providing at least one application service provider (ASP)  
control site, and at least one adapter at a remote site;  
inputting information about a transaction involving at least  
one party to the transaction to the ASP control site;  
electronically communicating from the ASP control site and  
through the adapter to the at least one party;  
receiving instructions or data at the ASP control site  
through the adapter from the at least one party; and  
processing the instructions at the ASP control site.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein electronic communication through a global computer communications system is employed.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the commodity is agricultural, and the contract is obtained through an exchange.